

10 November 1980

STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]
APEX Control Staff

STAT FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT: Formatting of APEX Document Control Numbers

REFERENCE: AF/INS Memo to Special Security Center,
subject as above, dated 5 November 1980 (attached)

1. The attached document, although sent to this Office, contains a recommendation for action by the Control Staff, hence is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The following comments are offered concerning the Air Force suggestion:

a. DIA, and perhaps other NFIB agencies, have a physical limitation to 12 spaces in their ability to electronically record document numbers. The AF suggestion increases the number beyond 12 (dashes and slashes count as spaces).

b. The AF suggestion, if implemented, could result in confusion between a government number and a contractor number since the latter will all begin with a separate 3 digit contractor indicator.

c. The assumption, in para 4 of the attachment, that a future AF number might be in the three hundred million range betrays a flawed concept of the system, which envisages a repeating bloc of numbers each calendar year.

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